

GENEALOGY

I. APPLIED

Title: ANCESTORS: NINE HUNDRED YEARS IN THE LIFE OF A CHINESE FAMILY

Author: CHING, FRANK

Narrator: JOHNSON, PETER

Original Date: 1988

A former reporter finds himself drawn back to his homeland. Born in mainland China, he chose to live in New York City at age nineteen. In 1973, he returns to Peking as a correspondent for the Wall Street Journal and traces his family history back to the eleventh century. He discovers thirty-three generations descended from a romantic poet, Qin Guan, of the Song dynasty. 1988.

DB 28180

Title: BENEVOLENCE AND BETRAYAL: FIVE ITALIAN JEWISH FAMILIES UNDER FASCISM

Author: STILLE, ALEXANDER

Narrator: GIANNARELLI, LAURA

Original Date: 1991

The author writes about the experiences of several different Jewish families, based on interviews, diaries, and letters. Stille tells the stories of fascists and antifascists from Turin, of residents of the Roman ghetto, of the combined efforts of the Jewish community and the Catholic church in Genoa, and of a Jewish family from Ferrara that was deported to Germany.

DB 37943

Title: BLACK ELK LIVES: CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BLACK ELK FAMILY

Author: DESERSA, ESTHER BLACK ELK

Narrator: WALLACE, BILL

Original Date: 2000

This companion to Black Elk Speaks (DB 22552) records the reminiscences of his granddaughters and family members concerning the Oglala Lakota holy man Black Elk and his son Ben. The family recall their years growing up on Pine Ridge Reservation, their traditions, and how Black Elk's legacy still affects them.

DB 51948

Title: GENETIC STRAND: EXPLORING A FAMILY HISTORY THROUGH DNA

Author: BALL, EDWARD, 1959-

Narrator: GORTON, GREGORY

Original Date: 2007

National Book Award winner for *Slaves in the Family* (DB 46018) uses forensic science to analyze the hair of nine of his nineteenth-century relatives. Relates his reaction upon receiving reports of African and Native American ancestry from one DNA lab, results later challenged by other labs. 2007.

DB 66508

Title: INVISIBLE LINE: THREE AMERICAN FAMILIES AND THE SECRET JOURNEY FROM BLACK TO WHITE

Author: SHARFSTEIN, DANIEL J

Narrator: POLK, JOHN

Original Date: 2011

Traces three diverse Southern families with African ancestry who chose to pass as white during different periods of U.S. history. Researches the Gibsons, South Carolina landowners; the Spencers, Appalachian farmers; and the Walls, part of the Washington, D.C., middle class. 2011.

DB 73911

Title: KINFOLKS: FALLING OFF THE FAMILY TREE; THE SEARCH FOR MY MELUNGEON ANCESTORS

Author: ALTHER, LISA

Narrator: KANE, MARY

Original Date: 2007

Novelist of *Original Sins* (DB 22323) depicts her intensive genealogical search for her Melungeon--or multiracial Appalachian--ancestors. Describes trekking across Europe, the Middle East, and the American Southwest while seeking clues about her family's origins. Discovers Pocahontas and colonialists from various countries are part of her family tree. 2007.

DB 65489

Title: MIDDLING FOLK: THREE SEAS, THREE CENTURIES, ONE SCOTS-IRISH FAMILY

Author: MATTHEWS, LINDA H

Narrator: DONNELLY, TERRY

Original Date: 2010

Literature professor uses historical documents to trace three hundred years of her family's genealogy--from Scotland to Northern Ireland and America--in order to depict the lives of ordinary people. Discusses the manner in which the middle class conducted business through the ages and its contributions to building prosperous societies. 2010.

DB 72435

Title: MY CONFEDERATE KINFOLK: A TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY FREEDWOMAN CONFRONTS HER ROOTS

Author: DAVIS, THULANI

Narrator: DUKIN, KERRY

Original Date: 2005

Author describes her search for her family roots. Traces both her white Mississippi forebears and her black, originally African, ancestry. Highlights her freed great-grandmother who lived with a white former slave owner. Depicts the difficult circumstances of blacks after the Civil War. Some violence and some strong language. 2006.

DB 63950

Title: NEGRAS RAIZES

Author: HALEY, ALEX

Narrator: RODRIGUES, GLAUCO

Original Date: 1976

Historical novel about the author's family from its roots in eighteenth-century Africa to slavery in Virginia. Continues with the family's resettlement in Tennessee following the Civil War. Bestseller 1974 (?). Portuguese language.

DB 15134

Title: PILLSBURYS OF MINNESOTA

Author: STURDEVANT, LORI, 1953-

Narrator: WHITE, ROBERT

Original Date: 2011

Lori Sturdevant chronicles the family's role as local pioneers in the milling and lumbering industries, and also examines the part the Pillsburys played across several generations of Minnesota politics, the growth of the University of Minnesota and a host of cultural and charitable institutions. 2011.

DBC 01618

Title: POLK'S FOLLY: AN AMERICAN FAMILY HISTORY

Author: POLK, WILLIAM ROE, 1929-

Narrator: POLK, JOHN

Original Date: 2000

The author traces his family history in America beginning with the first colonist in 1680. Follows his ancestors through the Revolution, the Polk presidency, both sides of the Civil War, and into the twentieth century. Includes anecdotes of soldiers, Indian hostages, land speculators, cattle barons, socialites, and a murdered journalist.

DB 51247

Title: ROOTS: THE SAGA OF AN AMERICAN FAMILY

Author: HALEY, ALEX

Narrator: HYMAN, EARLE

Original Date: 1974

Seven generations of the author's family, from 1767, when Kunta Kinte is captured in the Gambia, West Africa, and transported to Virginia as a slave. Chronicles Haley's ancestors' resettlement in Tennessee following the Civil War, reconstructs his birth in 1921, and describes his genealogical research. Some violence. Bestseller. 1974.

BR 17794 DB 09409 DB 53160

Title: SACRED WILLOW: FOUR GENERATIONS IN THE LIFE OF A VIETNAMESE FAMILY

Author: ELLIOTT, DUONG VAN MAI, 1941-

Narrator: FOX, JILL

Original Date: 1998

Elliot offers a portrait of the Duong family of northern Vietnam, from their service as high-ranking mandarins in the imperial court to their dispersal as boat people at the end of the Vietnam War. She discusses social, cultural, and political events that affected her extended family over four generations.

DB 52856

Title: SEVEN BRAVE WOMEN

Author: HEARNE, BETSY

Narrator: GIANNARELLI, LAURA

Original Date: 1997

The author tells of her great-great-great-grandmother Elizabeth, a Mennonite immigrant from Switzerland. She also recalls six other female forebears, including her mother, and concludes that all of them “made history by not fighting wars.”

Reading Level: K-3.

DB 45778

Title: SOMERSET HOMECOMING: RECOVERING A LOST HERITAGE

Author: REDFORD, DOROTHY SPRUILL

Narrator: BYRD, CAROLYN

Original Date: 1988

Inspired by Alex Haley’s *Roots*, Dorothy Redford began a search into her personal genealogy—a search that culminated in a family gathering of more than 2,000 at the Somerset plantation in North Carolina. In this book Redford traces the evolution of that “homecoming.” 1988.

DB 29343

Title: WURZELN

Author: HALEY, ALEX

Narrator: WEBER, CARL

Original Date: 1974

Historical account of the author's family from its roots in eighteenth-century Africa to slavery in Virginia. Continues with the family's resettlement in Tennessee following the Civil War. German language. 1977.

DB 17981

II. INSTRUCTIONAL

Title: FINDING YOUR ROOTS: HOW EVERY AMERICAN CAN TRACE HIS ANCESTORS-
-AT HOME AND ABROAD

Author: WESTIN, JEANE EDDY

Narrator: HANNA, JUDI

Original Date: 1977

A detailed handbook for Americans of many ethnic back grounds explains procedures commonly used in genealogical searches. Includes names and addresses of special libraries and bookstores, record bureaus, genealogical societies, church registries, and embassies.

DB 15902

Title: GENEALOGIST'S COMPANION AND SOURCEBOOK

Author: CROOM, EMILY ANNE, 1943-

Narrator: RICHARDSON, JOHN

Original Date: 1994

In this companion to "Unpuzzling Your Past" (DB 44197), Croom focuses on American genealogical research material beyond immediate family resources. She focuses on records of state and federal censuses, courthouses, libraries, immigration records, and state and national archives.

DB 44198

Title: GREAT ANCESTOR HUNT: THE FUN OF FINDING OUT WHO YOU ARE

Author: PERL, LILA

Narrator: DIZEFALO, RAY

Original Date: 1989

A guide to genealogy that provides information and encouragement. The author examines the reasons for undertaking genealogical research and discusses how to trace family roots, how and why families immigrated to America, types of documents and memorabilia to look for, and how to preserve data. Includes examples from a wide variety of ethnic groups.

DB 36952

Title: LONG-DISTANCE GENEALOGY

Author: CRAWFORD-OPPENHEIMER, CHRISTINE, 1950-

Narrator: ATCHER, RANDY

Original Date: 2000

A guide to genealogy for beginners and for those who cannot travel, emphasizing the principles of research and the types of records that can be accessed without leaving home. Includes sample letters and charts, addresses for pertinent associations and agencies, suggestions for the Internet, and tips on hiring a professional.

DB 51103

Title: SEARCHING FOR YOUR ANCESTORS

Author: DOANE, GILBERT HARRY, 1897-

Narrator: RYLE, CHARLIE

Original Date: 1974

Basic guide packed with information and anecdotes for amateur genealogists. Tells how to trace your family's origins both here and across the ocean.

DB 11833

Title: THROUGH THE EYES OF YOUR ANCESTORS

Author: TAYLOR, MAUREEN ALICE

Narrator: ROAN, GARY

Original Date: 1999

Step-by-step instructions on compiling a family history for a school project or just as a hobby. Includes suggestions on conducting personal interviews, visiting genealogical libraries, researching on the Internet, and keeping records. Also provides tips on accessing and using specific resources.

BR 12319 DB 48705

Title: TO OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN: PRESERVING FAMILY HISTORIES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Author: GREENE, BOB

Narrator: LOWENSTEIN, RALPH

Original Date: 1993

To put together a personal history for the family, select from a "menu" of questions on topics such as family and ancestry, childhood, favorite things, career, romance, philosophies, and parenthood. Examples of questions are "Do you remember your house's having a particular scent?" and "Why did you name your children what you named them?" Bestseller.

DB 41038

Title: TRACE YOUR ROOTS WITH DNA: USING GENETIC TESTS TO EXPLORE YOUR FAMILY TREE

Author: SMOLENYAK, MEGAN

Narrator: ALLISON, KRISTIN

Original Date: 2004

Researchers explain to amateur genealogists the science of genetics, which is useful in pinpointing ancestors, verifying family trees, and finding relationships with people having the same surname. Discusses genetic typing, including male and female heirloom markers and tests for geographical origins to determine African, European, and Native American connections. 2004.

DB 65364

Title: UNPUZZLING YOUR PAST: A BASIC GUIDE TO GENEALOGY

Author: CROOM, EMILY ANNE, 1943-

Narrator: RICHARDSON, JOHN

Original Date: 1995

Designed for people who want to know more about their family tree but don't know where to begin. Croom suggests the initial source be the immediate family. She covers topics such as the meaning of names, looking beyond the family, and checking state and federal sources. Companion to "Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook" (DB 44198).

DB 44197

Title: WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? DIGGING FOR YOUR FAMILY ROOTS

Author: HILTON, SUZANNE

Narrator: RYLE, CHARLIE

Original Date: 1976

Informal and enthusiastic guide to tracing one's ancestors and constructing a family tree. Reading Level: 6-9 YA.

DB 11513